

REMARKS

In item number 2 on page 2 of the Office Communication, the Examiner issued an Election of Species Requirement. The Examiner requested that one of the polypeptides recited in claims 2 and 6 be elected to begin examination. Claim 1 was considered generic. Once the elected species is found patentable, the Examiner will consider the remainder of the species.

Applicants elect pigment epithelium-derived factor.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 11 and 13-18 read on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly. If any questions remain, the Examiner is requested respectfully to contact the undersigned at the local exchange noted hereinbelow. The undersigned represents having authority to act on behalf of the applicants and the assignee. A Revocation and Appointment will be filed as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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